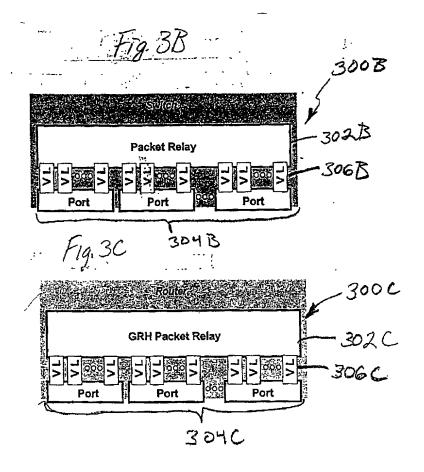


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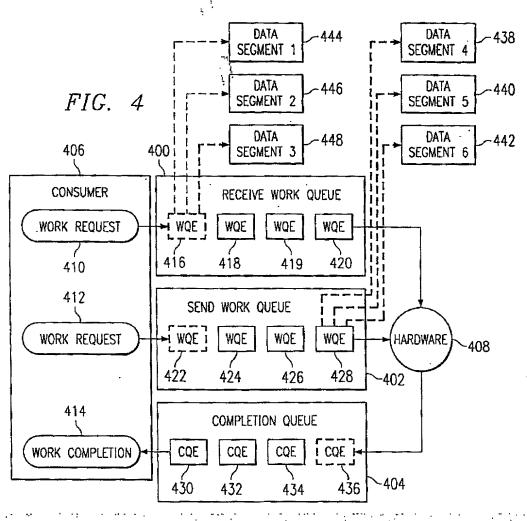
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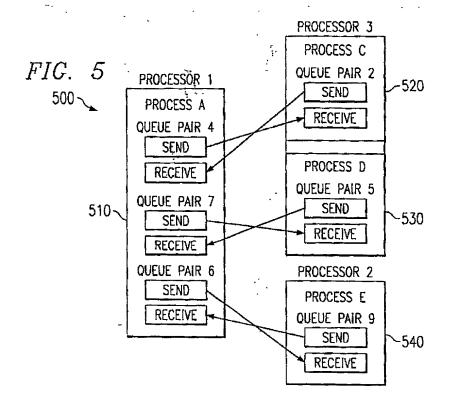
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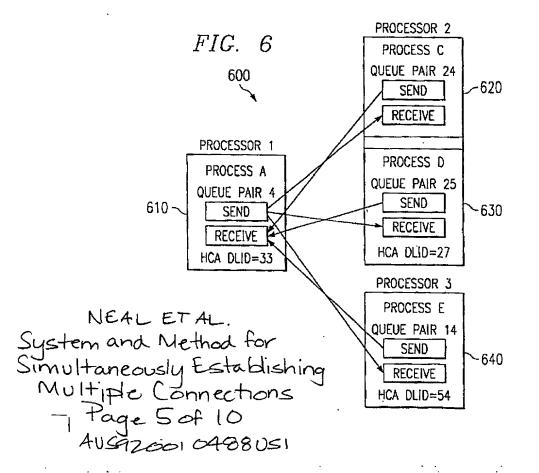
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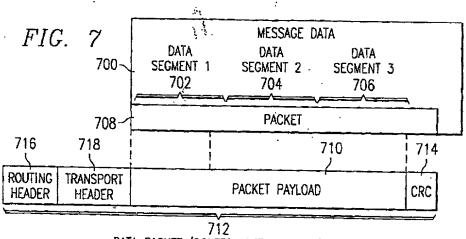
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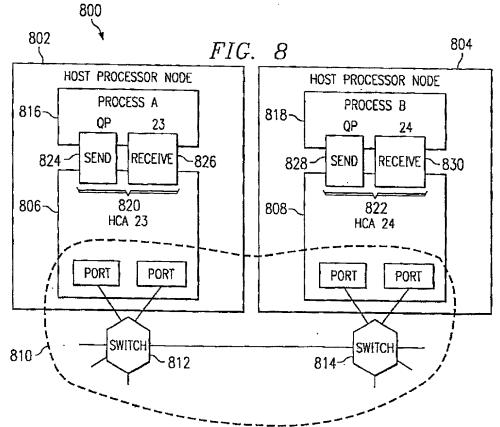
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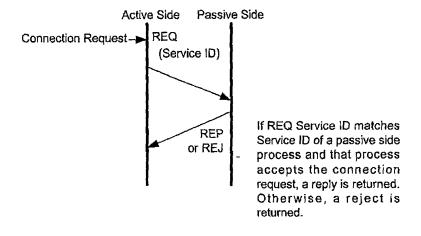


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The Communication Management REQuest message is used to initiate the connection. The REQ, REP, and RTU contain a private data field. The present invention uses the private data field to communicate I/O consumer information,

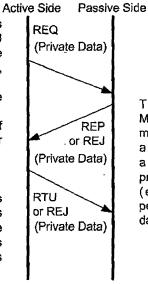
this includes:

- The lease period required by a service (e.g. for 1 or more connection)

- The resources required by a service (e.g. number of connections, number of QPs, capacity of read cache buffer space, capacity of fast write buffer space, QP depth, etc.)

- The address of request and response memory queues.

Communication Management ReadyToUse message is used to accept the passive side's REP. If the passive side's private data presented settings that are unacceptable to the active side (e.g. lease period is shorter than the active side's policy), then the active side can send a REJect message as a response to the passive side's REP.



The Communication Management REPly message is used to accept a connection. Alternatively, a REJ can be used to propose alternate settings (e.g. a shorter lease period), through the private data of the REJ.

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